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1. AT ITS MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG ON APRIL 6, THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL APPROVED, WITHOUT DISCUSSION, THE COMMUNITY'S TROPICAL PRODUCTS OFFER TO BE TABLED AT THE MTN AS REPORTED IN REFTEL. THE COUNCIL'S DECISION FOLLOWED GREEK APPROVAL OF THE 60,000 MT QUOTA COVERING THE IMPORTATION OF VIRGINAK TYPE FLUE-CURED TOBACCO AND 2,500 MT OF OTHER TYPES OF TOBACCO.

2. IN A PRESS RELEASE THE EC ESTIMATED THAT ITS OFFER COVERS ABOUT 180 PRODUCTS AND A VOLUME OF EXPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NOT PART OF THE LOME CONVENTION OF ABOUT 1.8 BILLION U.A. THE EC ADDS THAT MEMBER STATES WHICH LEVY SPECIFIC TAXES ON SUCH PRODUCTS AS TEA, COFFEE AND SPICES HAVE AGREED TO EITHER NOT
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INCREASE THE LEVEL OF THESE TAXES OR MAKE THEIR BEST

EFFORTS NOT TO DO SO. THE EC SAYS THAT IT DOES NOT
EXPECT RECIPROCITY FROM LDC'S FOR THESE CONCESSIONS
BUT THEY WILL BE ASKED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS CONSISTENT
WITH THEIR INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT, FINANCIAL AND
TRADE NEEDS.HINTON

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